

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Board Meeting February 16, 2005

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Glenn Morris, Chairman
Steve Sanford, Vice Chair
Diane Drake
Dave Meldrum
Thomas Schulz

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary
Janet B. Wray, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Chairman Morris established that a quorum was present, and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. was **called to order** at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes: Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Sanford seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes from the November 17, 2004 meeting as amended.

Ratify list of newly issued licenses: Mr. Schulz made a motion, Ms. Drake seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the newly issued licenses.

License No.	Name	License Type
NEWLY ISSUES LICENSES		
LDOA0000007	Gurskaya, Yelena S	Dispensing Optician Apprentice
LDOA0000008	Bateman, Jennifer Marie	Dispensing Optician Apprentice
LDO-002031	Alvarez, Aida Mari	Dispensing Optician
REINSTATEMENTS		
LDO000374	Brock, Luther T., Jr.	Dispensing Optician

Correspondence from Mark Kemp requesting information regarding licensure for individuals with a criminal record: The Board requested that a response be sent to Mr. Kemp that information will be reviewed when an application is submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers:
 - Mr. Sanford nominated Glenn Morris as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Drake and **approved** by the Board.

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- Mr. Meldrum nominated Steve Sanford as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Drake and was **approved** by the Board.
- **Rule 420-8-.01:** Mr. Meldrum made a motion, Mr. Sanford seconded and the Board voted to **revise** the rule as currently effective, and **post** the version of the rule as written and effective on February 4, 1986. Ms. Drake and Mr. Schulz opposed the vote, with Chairman Morris breaking the tied vote.
- Met with Janet B. Wray, Senior Assistant Attorney General concerning conflict of interest with Board members participating in the examination process or review of the examination. Ms. Wray advised that the Board may want to request that additional glasses be made available to use during the examination and that a standardization of the glasses used in the exam needs to be done by an independent lab.

Ms. Drake made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on and receive information on applications and O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h)(2) to deliberate on and receive information of disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meldrum and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Mr. Sanford and Mr. Schulz. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

V.M.F.B. – Apprentice applicant: Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the application.

N.L.C. – Optician applicant: Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the application.

REPORTS:

Anita Martin, Executive Director

- Provided information regarding the financial disclosure forms
- Provided update regarding renewals
- Provided information on NCSORB meeting
 - Ms. Drake and Mr. Sanford were both approved to attend if their schedules permit

Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney's Report

- **Proposed amendment to Rule 420-4-.01:** Viewed as informational. No action was taken on this rule at this time.

Diane Drake, Cognizant Board Member

- No Report

Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Report

- **Case #'s DISP030002, DISP030006, and DISP050003:** The Board requested that the cases be referred to the AG to continue pursuit of summary suspension and revocation

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- **Case #DISP050004:** The Board requested that upon completion of the case, it be referred to the AG to continue pursuit of summary suspension and revocation.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Minutes recorded by:

Susan Hewett, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

**EXAM REVIEW WITH INEZ LOCKETT
met at conclusion of Board meeting**

In attendance:

- Glenn Morris, Steve Sanford, Diane Drake, Dave Meldrum, Tom Schulz, and Executive Director Anita Martin

The Board will discuss at the next meeting whether or not they want to continue with an option of exam review for unsuccessful examination candidates.

The Board requested that when new glasses are added to the pool used for the examination, that they have sturdy plastic frames with rectangular shaped lenses. The Board members will compile a list and submit to the Executive Director for review by the Board so a recommendation can be made to the exam unit regarding what glasses are needed.